(b) A notice demanding payment of Rs. 76.26 lakhs has been issued to NAFED.

(c) Normally Bombay Port Trust would not detain any import or export cargo of a party on account of earlier outstandings.

High infant mortality leads to non-adoption of family planning norms

916. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that one of the main reasons for high birth rate in the country and non-adoption of family planning norms in the country is high infant mortality;

(b) if so, what is the death rate per thousand of children in different States of the country; and

(c) what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) High infant mortality rate may be one of the factors for poor acceptance of family planning and resultant high birth rate.

(b) The latest estimate of infant mortality rate i.e. infant death per 100 live births from S.R.S. of Registrar General of India for India and major States for 1986 (provisional), is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(c) The steps taken by Government of India to reduce infant mortality include improvement of health infrastructure, training of health man-power health education, adoption of "risk approach", universal immunisation of children, oral rehydration therapy in diarrhoeal diseases, promotion of breast feeding and proper weaning practices, prophylaxis against nutritional anaemia and supplementary untrition under the I.C.D.S.

Statement

Estimated Infant Mortality Rate 1988 (Provisional)

State	Infant deaths per 1000 live birth
Andhra Pradesh	84
Assam	109
Bihar	99
Gujarat	107
Haryana	85
Himachal Pradesh	88
Jammu & Kashmir	81
Karnataka	74
Kerala	27
Madhya Pradesh	117
Maharashtra	63
Orissa	123
Punjab	67
Rajasthan	104
Tamil Nadu	66
Uttar Pradesh	132
West Bengal	71
India	96

Regional committees for Indian Airlines

917. SHRI PRAMAD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of members of different regional committees for Indian Airlines;

(b) whether it is a fact that the members of such regional committees are only from major cities;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for such an imbalance and the steps Government propose to take to remove it; and

(d) whether people's representatives are on the committees and if not, what are the reasons?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) The names of members of the four Regional Advisory Committees of Indian Airlines are given in the attached statement. (*See* below.)

(b) and (c) Mostly the members of these Committees are from major cities as they represent interests of a larger travelling segment.

(d) Persons representing a cross-section of the travelling public, that includes eminent lawyers, business-men, doctors, journalists, industrialists, etc., are nominated on the Committees.

Statement

Names of members of Regional Advisory Committee of Indian Airlines

A. *WESTERN REGION*

1. Shri Ajit Singh
2. Prof. Arun M. Donde
3. Shri Dipak Manharlal
3. Shri Dipak Manharlal Rajani
4. Shri S. P. Godrej
5. Dr. B. K. Goyal
6. Shri George Jacob
7. Shri Prakash V. Jain
8. Shri K. K. Singhvi
9. Dr. Ram T. S. Tarneja
10. Ms. Megha Patil
11. Shri J. P. Kundra
12. Shri Chunilal H. Mehta
13. Shri Arun Desai
14. Prof. Ramlal Parikh

B. *EASTERN REGION*:

1. Shri Jahar Sengupta
2. Dr. M. K. Chhetri
3. Shri C. R. Irani
4. Mr. Raghu Mody
5. Mr. Sajan Kumar Pasari
6. Mr. B. K. Jalan
7. Dr. Pratap Chandra Chunder
8. Mr. Tarachan Singhal
9. Mr. C. L. Kejriwal
10. Mr. S. K. Rai
11. Shri S. S. Bhatia
12. Shri Dev Anand Mishra
13. Shri Sajjan Kumar
14. Shri S. S. Oberoi

C. *NORTHERN REGION*:

1. Shri Vinod Dhawan
2. Shri Pradeep Jhalani
3. Shri Prem T. Vachani
4. Prof. Sneh Bhargava
5. Shri K. K. Gautam
6. Shri B. S. Samat
7. Shri Gurpreet Singh
8. Smt. Ritu Nanda
9. Shri Sudhir Chandok
10. Shri R. K. Saboo
11. Kanwar Ram Kishan Singh
12. Shri O. P. Saraf
13. Smt. Rani Blowria
14. Dr. D. Saran

D. *SOUTHERN REGION*:

1. Shri S. Govind Swaminadhan
2. Shri K. S. G. Haja Shereeff
3. Shri K. M. Mammen Mappillai

4. Shri M. K. Kumar
5. Shri M. A. Chindambaram
6. Dr. Prathap C. Reddy
7. Shri G. Sundara Ramaih
8. Prof. J. Philip
9. Shri S. N. Agarwal
10. Shri C. B. Mouli
11. Shri S. K. Nayar

Teaching allowance for Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers

918. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have announced grant of Teaching Allowance @ Rs. 100 per month to teachers serving in Kendriya Vidyalayas and Union Territories;

(b) whether the teaching allowance has been recommended by the Chattopadhyaya Commission;

(c) whether it is also a fact that All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers' Association has rejected the said allowance;

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(e) whether Government propose to hold negotiations with All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers' Association; if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) While the Chattopadhyaya Commission did not specifically recommend introduction of teaching allowance, it had recommended that each secondary teacher and primary teacher should get a benefit of at least Rs. 100/- per month and Rs. 150/- per month respectively. The new pay-scales for school teachers announced on 12-8-1987 which have introduced the "teaching allowance" for teachers and "special allowance" for Vice-Principals/Principals would ensure the above benefit.

The All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers' Association in its memorandum dated 13-10-1987 has, *inter-alia*, protested against the new pay-scales.

While announcing the new pay-scales, the recommendations of the Chattopadhaya Commission as also the postulates of National Education Policy, 1986 were kept inview. There is no proposal to further revise these pay-scales.

Holland's offer to modernise Calcutta Port Trust

919. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Holland Government have offered to help modernise Calcutta Port Trust;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) The Dutch offer has been accepted in the following projects of the Calcutta Port Trust:—

(i) An Association of a Dutch Expert in the river training works under the comprehensive scheme to improve the navigability of River Hooghly; and

(ii) Preparation of a Detailed Project Report of modernisation and augmentation of ship repair facilities at Calcutta (Phase II).

The Dutch Government had also offered to conduct a study for the development of Calcutta Port and preparation of the Master Plan. This was not accepted as